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Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated September 9, 2005, Applicant confirms that claims 1-6, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 29-45 expressly include the limitation of a "marker and read on the elected species as well as previously elected Group 1.

No fee is seen to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is properly deemed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

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